

“Be especially careful when you are trying to **be good so that you don’t make a performance out of it.** It might be good theater, **but the God who made you won’t be applauding.**

**When you help someone out, don’t think** about how it looks. Just do it—quietly and unobtrusively. That is the way your God, who conceived you in love, working behind the scenes, helps you out.

<sup>5</sup>“**And when you come before God, don’t turn** that into a theatrical production either. All these people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for stardom! Do you think God sits in a box seat?

<sup>6</sup>“**Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to** role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

<sup>16-18</sup>“**When you practice some appetite-**denying discipline to better concentrate on **God, don’t make a production out of it.** It might turn you into a small-time celebrity but **it won’t make you a saint. If you ‘go into training’ inwardly, act normal outwardly.** Shampoo and comb your hair, brush your **teeth, wash your face.** God doesn’t require attention-**getting devices. He won’t** overlook what you are doing;

-Matthew 6 (selected verses),  
*The MESSAGE (a paraphrase)*

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## Champagne & Chocolate, or Fasting & Ashes

*"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven."*

-Matthew 6: 1a (NIV)

# welcome!

**We're glad you're here today. We're a** group of people learning what it means to be followers of Jesus. This is a place where **everyone is welcome, nobody's perfect, and** anything is possible. We welcome and encourage you to share your life with us as we journey in faith together.

What can you expect on a Sunday morning? Our worship services aim to be about 70 minutes long, with a mix of praise singing & prayer, and a time of inspiration and learning through the teaching that explores scripture, and issues of everyday life.

We believe that by working together, sharing our faith and our lives, we can accomplish much more than we could individually. **With God's help and the power of** the Holy Spirit, we believe we can transform our community and our world as the hands and feet of Jesus on earth.

**If you're ready for us to get to know you, please fill out a "Welcome" card from** the pew and bring it to the Connection Point in the foyer after the service. We hope you too will find a place of belonging here, and share your life and faith journey with us.

New to our church? We would like to get to know you. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card which is in the pews. Please leave it in the box marked Connect/Reconnect at the exits at the front and back of the sanctuary.

# happenings

Communion Sunday Collection for the Crisis Care Fund | Today we invite you to contribute to our Crisis Care Fund - a vital resource used with prayerful discernment by your ministry team. It allows us to provide care and hope for those in our wider community as **they cope with some of life's harshest realities.** Our prayer is for a day when such a fund will have no use...and we pray, until that day arrives, you will continue to contribute generously.

Fellowship Lunch | Please join us today, February 18th, after the 11am service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD | MONEY - MYTHS & FACTS - WHAT IS 10-10-80?

**MYTH: 10-10-80 is the Bee Gees 1970's disco response to the 1970's smash pop rock hit "25 or 6 to 4" by Chicago.**

**FACT: 10-10-80 is a biblically based guideline by which we can live and be the most effective Stewards we can be. We give the first "10" back to God, we save the next "10" for emergencies and retirement and we live day-to-day on the "80". You and I are asset managers for the Lord, so if we view it biblically, we aren't giving our own money anyway, we're simply giving back to God a portion of what He has entrusted us to manage.**

Staff Notes | Rev. Katie Southon will be away from February 9th - 24th. Rev. Orville James is available during this time for any pastoral needs.

Annual General Meeting | Please join us for our Annual General Meeting on Sunday March 4th after the one service at 10 am.

# happenings cont.

Nut-Free Scent-Free | Please note that at Wellington Square we do our best to be a nut-free and scent-free safe space for everyone. Thank you for your contributions to this effort.

M & M Trivia Night | Thank you to everyone who came out to support Trivia Night! The final tally is in and we raised over \$4600! Well done everyone!



BRIDGE TO HAVEN  
BY FRANCINE RIVERS

To those who matter in Hollywood, Lena Scott is the hottest rising star to hit the silver screen since Marilyn Monroe. Few know her real **name is Abra. Even fewer know the price she'd paid to finally feel like she's somebody.**

To Pastor Ezekiel Freeman, Abra will always be the little girl who stole his heart the night he found her, a wailing newborn abandoned under a bridge on the outskirts of Haven. Zeke and his son Joshua – **Abra's closest friend** --- watch her grow into an exotic beauty. But Zeke knows the circumstances **surrounding Abra's birth have etched scars** deep in her heart, scars that leave her vulnerable to a fast-talking charmer who lures her to Tinseltown. Hollywood feels like a million miles from Haven, and naïve Abra **quickly learns what's expected of an ambitious girl with stars in her eyes.** She discovers too late that fame comes at a devastating price. **She's burned every bridge to get exactly what** she thought she wanted. Now all she wants is a way back home.



GraceLand - a place full of God's grace...where children learn the love of Jesus and how to shine His light everyday. Sundays at 9am for Nur to Gr. 6

Participant Forms are required every year for children and youth to ensure safety for all. 2018 forms have been mailed to each family to complete and return to our GraceLand Reception Area. Thank you for supporting our Plan 2 Protect Procedures.

February Theme: The Armour of God continues

GraceLand Lent Calendars along with a Lent Suggestion Resource are available for families to do at home to help deepen their relationship with Jesus. Please pick-up from the GraceLand Reception Desk.



Creative Art Ministries  
GraceNotes Singer/Dancers Sundays at 10:30am  
GraceLand Band (Monthly Sunday practices)  
Puppet Team (Scheduled Sunday practices)  
Want to learn more about the above?  
Contact Heather Mackey.



High School Youth & Young Adults – The Hub February Worship Service (Gr. 9 and up) Sunday Feb 18 (Tonight!) – 6:00-8:00pm Calvary U.C. – 48 Hawkesville Rd. St Jacobs  
Our friends with The Hub Youth & Young Adult Ministry Network are gathering at Calvary St Jacobs tonight for a time of worship, teaching and community! Adam will be delivering the message with Rhonda and other camp friends leading the worship band. Rally a carpool and come on down to St Jacobs for a great night of community and praise! High School Youth and up (including parents!) are welcome to join this night of worship!

High School Youth - YOUTH VOLLEY-DODGE DAY (Gr. 9-12)

*Saturday Feb 24th 10:00am-8:00pm*  
**It's finally here! THIS Saturday a whole squad of** different youth groups will be joining us here at the Square for a MASSIVE day of food, fun, community and worship! The day will have an inter-youth group volleyball tournament, a mixed dodgeball tournament, complete with lunch, **dinner AND a time of worship together!** If you're planning on attending you \*must\* e-mail Adam to let him know so he has numbers for food and creating the team brackets!

Adam Cresswell our Interim Youth Ministry Director holds office hours by appointment Tuesdays 3-5pm. Feel free to send him an e-mail if you'd like to meet: [acresswell@wsquare.ca](mailto:acresswell@wsquare.ca)

# AGM 2018

On Sunday March 4th, please join us for ONE 10am Service with Intergenerational Communion, followed by our Annual General Meeting, starting at 11am.

GraceLand will be providing care and activities for Children during the AGM from 11am-12pm for those wishing to attend.

A light lunch will be provided following the meeting.  
All are welcome!

We hope that you will join us!





**FOOD MINISTRY**

*Do you like to cook  
and help others?*

There are many times in our Wellington Square Church family when a home-cooked meal is helpful and encouraging.

**What is required?**

- Home cooked meal OR baked good for family or individual
- Label what food is with cooking instructions
- Label at the bottom 'Food Ministry' and for how many it will feed
- All meals must be nut-free and placed in recyclable containers
- Bring to church and leave in McMillan room chest freezer

**For more information  
please contact  
Heather Mackey  
hmackey94@gmail.com**

# PARENTS & WEE ONES *Drop-in*



*Drop-in' morning for parents  
and their wee ones.*

**TUESDAYS  
9:30 AM**

Share a morning together, support one another and hang out over coffee/tea with your children.

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Meeting place - GraceLand Toddler room  
Nursery is available if needed.

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For more details, please contact  
Heather Mackey at [hmackey@wsquare.ca](mailto:hmackey@wsquare.ca)



"Better Together"

*For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them"*

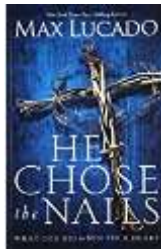
Matthew 18:20

Vision | to have every person in a healthy small group.

Mission | To live out the GREAT COMMANDMENT (Matt. 22: 37-39) and the GREAT COMMISSION (Matt. 28: 19-20).

NEW TO OUR CHURCH: We encourage you to fill out our WELCOME CARD that is in the pews. Please leave it in the CONNECT/ RECONNECT box located at each entrance to our sanctuary or bring it to our CONNECTION POINT table after worship service. As a THANK-YOU for taking the time to fill out the card, please accept a copy of "HOW GOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?" by Andy Stanley, which you will find in the CONNECT/RE-CONNECT box where we kindly ask you to leave your completed card. If you need assistance, please feel free to ask one of our greeters.

**LENTEN STUDY: "HE CHOSE the NAILS" - "The Child in the Cradle Became the KING on the Cross"** - a 5 Session DVD Bible Study by Max Lucado, examining the gifts that Jesus gave at his crucifixion...not only the gift of the cross, but the gift of the thorns, the nails, and the empty tomb. Please sign up at the **CONNECTION POINT "GROUP LINK"** or [jmagwood@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@wsquare.ca) TIME: 2-3:30pm, Tuesdays Start Date: February 20, 2018. The cost of the study guide is \$10.



SERMON SMALL GROUP: If you would like to be part of a small group that meets after the 9am or 11am service to discuss the Sunday message with a few others, please see or contact Joy ([jmagwood@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@wsquare.ca)).

Thursday at Seven: "**Jesus Revealed - Encountering the Authentic Jesus**" A seven episode DVD study series (January until Lent) with biblical commentary by Andy Frost, looking at the original Jesus of the gospels and asking the question - Is He the Jesus we think we know? Please contact Bruce: [bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca](mailto:bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca)

LENT CALENDAR 2018: Daily Scripture Readings and Reflections for this Sacred Season - now available at the Connection Point.

JOYFUL SPIRITS: Our conclusion of our study "**THE RED LETTERS**" (The words of **JESUS for today's world**) will be on the topic of "**JOY**". DATE: Thursday March 15th in the Pritchard Rm at 7pm.

DISCIPLESHIP CAFÉ: Saturday, March 24th TIME: 10am-noon (coffee & muffins @ 9:45am)

WHERE: Pritchard Rm

TOPIC: "**FORGIVENESS**" Immaculee Ilibagiza is a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide that took the lives of nearly one million Tutsi, including her entire family except for one brother. She survived by huddling silently in a 3 by 4 foot bathroom for 91 days. Despite the unimaginable suffering, she is now an advocate for peace & forgiveness & is best-selling author of "**LEFT TO TELL**". Come & hear her story. Please RSVP to Joy Magwood [jmagwood@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@wsquare.ca)





## Friday Community

What I love most about our Friday Night Community is the willingness to work as a team and help one another. This past Friday we had a significant amount of overseers away, and our numbers continued to dwindle with illness and the nasty weather throughout the day. Folks joined together and stepped up to help wherever needed, and with a smaller group we were able to put together another delicious and inviting meal. Thank you to all those who served with a flexible and generous heart.

**During dinner one friend asked, "After all these years how do you continue to announce and share the birthdays with such excitement? You must get tired of it after awhile". We then talked about the excitement and anticipation that both adults and children come with around celebrating their birthdays with our community. It is an honour and privilege to have the opportunity to acknowledge these special celebration with friends who come through our doors.**

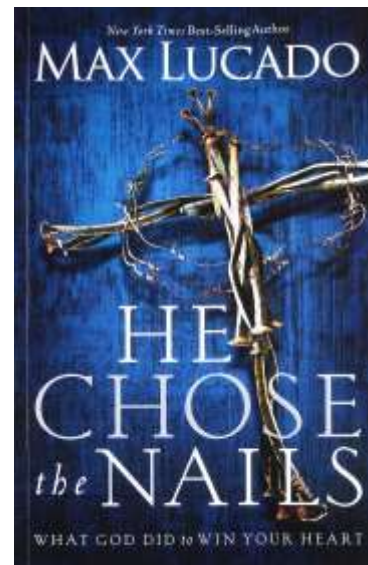
Blessings of goodness:

**\*the children's area adults and youth who come to share God's love and care with so many young friends who come in our doors**

Most Needed Items:

- \*decaf coffee
- \*wool for knitting in Hub
- \*hotel sized shampoo, body wash
- \*snacks for children's lunch bags**
- \*curtain rods and curtains
- \*dressers, end tables, lamps
- \*muffin tins, rectangular cake pans
- \*newer neutral paint and brushes

For information contact: [fnc@wsquare.ca](mailto:fnc@wsquare.ca)



Lenten  
Study  
A five session  
DVD study  
Tuesdays starting  
Feb 20  
2:00-3:30pm  
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“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> **“So when you give to the needy, do not** announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> **“And when you pray, do not be like the** hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

<sup>16</sup> **“When you fast,** do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

-Matthew 6 (selected verses) NIV